

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An irrigation sprinkler, comprising:
an outer housing having a lower inlet end connectable to a source of pressurized water;
a riser vertically reciprocable along a vertical axis within the outer housing between extended
and retracted positions when the source of pressurized water is turned ON and OFF;
a nozzle mounted at an upper end of the riser for distributing water therefrom; and
a strainer mounted inside the outer housing and configured to filter debris from water passing
through the lower inlet end of the outer housing, the strainer having a finer mesh section and a
coarser mesh section joined with the finer mesh section circumferentially spaced from one another.

12. (Original) The irrigation sprinkler of Claim 11 wherein the strainer is mounted to
a lower end of the riser.

13. (Original) The irrigation sprinkler of Claim 11 and further comprising a scrubber
mounted within the outer housing and configured for scraping accumulated debris from the strainer.

14-15 (Canceled)

16. (Original) An irrigation sprinkler, comprising:
an outer housing having a lower inlet end connectable to a source of pressurized water and
a plurality of circumferentially spaced vertically extending ribs formed on an interior wall thereof;
a riser vertically reciprocable along a vertical axis within the outer housing between extended
and retracted positions when the source of pressurized water is turned ON and OFF;
a nozzle mounted at an upper end of the riser for distributing water therefrom; and
a strainer mounted inside the outer housing and configured to filter debris from water passing
through the lower inlet end of the outer housing, the strainer having a plurality of circumferentially

spaced projections configured and positioned to engage the ribs on the interior wall of the outer housing and deflect past the same to provide a ratchet mechanism that allows for adjustably positioning the riser in a predetermined fixed rotational relationship with the outer housing.

17. (Original) The irrigation sprinkler of Claim 16 wherein the strainer is mounted to a lower end of the riser.

18. (Original) The irrigation sprinkler of Claim 16 and further comprising a scrubber mounted within the outer housing and configured for scraping accumulated debris from the strainer.

19. (Original) The irrigation sprinkler of Claim 16 wherein the strainer has a finer mesh section and a coarser mesh section.

20. (Original) The irrigation sprinkler of Claim 16 wherein the projections are formed as rounded teeth.

21. (Canceled)